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PESTICIDE BOARD SEEKS INPUT ON RISKS/BENEFITS OF BROWNTAIL MOTH SPRAYING

WHO: Maine Board of Pesticides Control

WHAT: Notice of Public Information Gathering Meeting

WHEN: Friday, July 21, 2006, 9:00 AM

WHERE: Hilton Garden Inn, Eagle Room, 5 Park Street, Freeport

DETAILS: On April 7, 2006, Governor Baldacci signed into law emergency legislation to protect marine waters and organisms in the coastal areas of York, Cumberland, and Sagadahoc counties. The law limits the public or private application of pesticides to control the browntail moth in these areas. The legislation also gave the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) the responsibility of completing an assessment of the risks and benefits relating to pesticide applications near marine waters and reporting its findings to the Legislature by January 2, 2007.

As part of the risks/benefits assessment, the BPC will be holding a Public Information Gathering Meeting on July 21, 2006, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport, to document concerns about browntail moth rash and potential impacts of pesticide spraying on marine organisms. All interested parties are invited to attend and offer their comments.

The BPC is also accepting written comments until August 4, 2006; mail comments to Henry Jennings, Acting Director, Board of Pesticides Control, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0028, or send e-mail to henry.jennings@maine.gov.

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